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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant cites the following references (each listed for the Examiner's convenience on the enclosed Form PTO-1449):

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| 2,661,768 | 12/8/1953           | Novak et al.                |
| 4,977,935 | 12/18/1990          | Durkee, Jr. et al.          |
| 5,038,023 | 8/6/1991            | Saliga                      |
| 5,152,555 | 10/6/1992           | Szabo                       |
| 5,257,548 | 11/2/1993           | Pardy                       |
| 5,676,403 | 10/14/1997          | Klinger et al.              |
| 5,897,145 | 4/27/1999           | Kondo et al.                |
| 6,082,779 | 7/4/2000            | Lesser et al.               |
| 6,145,886 | 11/14/2000          | Ohta et al.                 |
| 6,161,877 | 12/19/2000          | Le et al.                   |
| 6,293,596 | 9/25/2001           | Kinder                      |
| 6,328,344 | 12/11/2001          | Tozaki et al.               |

A copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(a)(2) is also enclosed. Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's consideration of the listed references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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